

## GENERAL NEWS

A scheme is on foot to consolidate all the cattle interests of the northwest into a single corporation, that will control about \$15,000,000 worth of cattle and grazing lands. The usual argument in favor of enterprises of this character—that it is absolutely necessary to prevent "ruthless competition," etc.—is urged by the promoters. The scheme is to have a wide and profound impression upon the minds of the ranch owners. The prospect is that the scheme will be consummated, and another colossal monopoly created, to the detriment of the American people.

An official statement as to the condition of the crown prince of Germany, which has just been made, affords little reason to anticipate his recovery.

The excitement over the railroad question in Manitoba is increasing. At Winnipeg, Sir George Stephen and Mr. Van Horne, of the Canadian Pacific, were burned in effigy. Proposals for building the new railway will be advertised for by the provincial government next week.

Historians in Belgium are compelled to use German coal on account of the miners' strike, and the railroads will soon be obliged to do likewise if the strike continues.

Petroleum conduits near Batoum, Russia, some of which belonged to the Rothschilds, have been destroyed with dynamite. The outrage is not attributed to nihilists, but is said to have been inspired by "trade jealousy." Perhaps the Rothschilds have been doing business at Batoum on the standard oil plan.

A freight train on the Northern Pacific was wrecked near Minot, Dakota, the engineer and a brakeman being instantly killed.

A Constantinople dispatch says a number of high Turkish officials have been dismissed, having been detected in a conspiracy to overthrow the sultan. From Bucharest comes a report of a plot to assassinate his unfortunate majesty, which is said to have been recently discovered. The sultan can hardly be enjoying life much better these days than his imperial brother of Russia.

The Belgian strikers threaten to "march on Brussels" if their demand for universal suffrage and the abandonment of the cattle bill is not conceded before Sunday.

A statue of the late General Steadman has been unveiled at Toledo, Governor Foraker was president of the day, and Lieutenant Governor Smith, of Illinois, delivered the oration.

Dr. E. L. Mansfield, a wealthy physician of Cedar Rapids, and one of its pioneers, was found dead in his buggy about four miles from that city. He had left home about an hour previous. An apparent good health.

Cincinnati has enjoyed a brief "boom." A strong flow of natural gas was struck at George and Freeman streets, where boring has been going on in progress for some time. The old town went wild with excitement over the discovery, and visions of returning prosperity filled the minds of the people, but they were quickly dispelled, as the flow soon died out. The contractors profess hopes, however, of obtaining a "steady pressure."

Many high buildings in the City of Mexico were cracked by the last earthquake shocks.

"Memorial Day" was very generally observed throughout the country. In Chicago there was an imposing procession, in which about fifteen thousand persons participated. The graves of the union dead in the several cemeteries were decorated with appropriate ceremonies. At Washington, New York, and other important cities imposing demonstrations were held. At various points in the south the graves of both union and confederate soldiers were covered with flowers.

Cattle are cheaper than at any time in the last eight years. The best beefs are selling at the Chicago stock yards at \$4.50 to \$4.60 per 100 pounds, and prices are likely to go even lower if the supply is not curtailed.

Surgeon General Hamilton expresses the opinion that the yellow fever at Key West, Florida, will be confined within its present limits.

The May receipts at the Chicago stock yards show an increase of about 44,000 cattle and 27,000 sheep, and a decrease of 114,000 hogs, as compared with May last year.

The St. Louis wheat bears were caught short on the May settlement to the extent of about a half-million bushels, and some of them refuse to settle above 88 cents. It is predicted that several failures will result from the "squeeze."

Governor Oglesby has signed a bill authorizing the erection of a monument to General Logan in South park, Chicago.

The political situation in France continues interesting. M. Rouvier, the new premier, made a formal announcement of his policy in the chamber, which was well received by the center but excited marks of disapprobation from the extreme left, or radicals. The premier said his course in foreign matters would be "firm and prudent," that there would be large retracements in the future; that the existing legislation on education would be vigorously applied, and that preparations for the exposition of 1889 would be actively pushed. A motion of want of confidence was negatived by a vote of 285 to 188—nearly half of the majority vote coming from the right. A demand for the order of the day was sustained by 384 to 185. The moderate republican press cordially welcomed the new government, and the monarchist press is mildly favorable, while the radical and independent journals are bitter in their hostility. It is quite evident that M. Rouvier's grip on power is a very feeble one, and if his ministry outlasts the month it has more vitality than there is any reason to suppose.

The Michigan legislature has passed a bill fixing the legal rate of interest at 6 per cent.

The London Times concludes its second series of articles on "Parnellism and Orlino" with a vigorous onslaught upon the Orlino-Gael society of America, which it charges with planning to "celebrate" the queen's jubilee with dynamite outrages. It intimates that Mr. Parnell is cognizant of these projects, and gives him a delicately worded invitation to begin an action for libel if he is desirous of fuller information on the subject.

It is stated at Washington, as coming from the president himself, that he will appoint some southern man to fill the existing vacancy on the supreme bench, but that he is satisfied there is nothing in the constitution, law, or precedents to limit him in his selection to the states embraced in the circuit to which Judge Woods was assigned. As this is an unchallengeable fact, it is entirely credible that the president is fully satisfied of it, as reported.

The sultan of Turkey has formally ceded the island of Cyprus to the English.

The Mexican congress has adjourned sine die.

Jack Reagen, of Brooklyn, and John Files, of Chicago, fought thirty miles from New York, on the Hudson, the latter being "knocked out" in the forty-fourth round.

Mr. Gladstone has started for Wales, where he is booked for a series of home-leave speeches.

At a meeting of the British Radical union at Birmingham, Joseph Chamberlain made a speech, and a letter from Lord Hartington was read. Both took uncompromising ground on the Irish question.

At Pernambuco, Brazil, several warehouses were destroyed by fire, together with about 25,000 bales of cotton.

## KANSAS CASUALTIES

**Suicide and Suffocation at Harper of Two Prominent Men.**

**HARPER, KAN., June 4.**—Our city was thrown into intense excitement this morning by two distressing incidents. Two of our most prominent and respected citizens were found dead, one by his own hand and the other by accident. About six o'clock this morning Hon. Geo. D. Thompson was found in an outhouse at his residence with a 44 calibre bull-dog revolver in his right hand and a bullet hole entirely through his head, the bullet entering at the right temple and passing out at the left. His wife heard the report and called to a neighbor, but Mr. Thompson was dead before he was reached. Before the dreadful news had been fairly circulated, a report came that A. W. Skinner had been suffocated in the gas vault of the opera house. A few moments later his dead body was carried out of the vault where it had lain since the night before. He had gone into the vault about 9 o'clock in the evening to arrange the fixtures, and the gas had escaped in such quantities that he was suffocated at once. Both were young men of about 30 years of age, and both very prominent in public life.

Hon. Geo. D. Thompson represented his county in the legislature in 1885, and for six years was cashier of the First National bank and vice president of the First National bank at Anthony. He was prominently connected with the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic railway and a director of the recently incorporated Texas & Gulf branch of the Union Pacific. No cause is assigned for his rash act, except that his health had been very poor for some time. He leaves a wife and one child. Mr. Skinner was one of the foremost real estate men of southern Kansas; always prominent in public and political affairs, and would have been the next register of deeds of the county. He leaves a wife and two small children.

### A QUIET END.

**Ex-Vice President William A. Wheeler Dies at Malone, N. Y.**

**WATERBURY, N. Y., June 4.**—Hon. William A. Wheeler died at his home in Malone at 10:10 this morning. He remained in a comatose state during the night and passed peacefully away without a sign of recognition of those about him.

### BIOGRAPHICAL.

The dead statesman derives his greatest prominence from the fact that he was vice president of the United States from March 4, 1877, until March 4, 1881, during the presidency of R. B. Hayes. Mr. Wheeler was born near where he died, namely, at Malone, New York, June 20, 1819. He was a student at the University of Vermont and studied law for four years in his native town, during which time he held numerous local offices. He was elected district attorney for his county in 1846. The winter following he came to the New York legislature for 1849 and 1850. He was a state senator in 1859 and 1860. He was cashier of the Malone bank from 1850 to 1863, and manager of the Ogdensburg Bank. Mr. Wheeler's political career began in 1858, when he was elected to the New York state constitutional convention. In 1858 he was again chosen to Congress from his native district, and was re-elected three times successively and served on important committees, namely, upon commerce, northern affairs and railroads. He was the author of what was called the Wheeler campaign law, which was passed in 1875 to suppress political corruption in Louisiana. In 1876 he was nominated for the Cincinnati convention to take the second place on the republican national ticket and was subsequently elected. For the next seven years after his term expired he has taken little interest in politics. He has been in ill health for some time and quietly expired this morning.

### Reduced Rates.

**St. Louis, June 4.**—The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company have determined to reduce their rates between this city, Council Bluffs and Omaha. When the interstate law went into effect, this road, because of the long route to Council Bluffs and Omaha, rather than sacrifice its local points under the new regulation, raised its rates to the former places about 15 per cent. After two months trial it found this business of too much consequence to lose it. A return to the old rates will necessitate the slaughter of local rates all along the line. This is believed to be the first step in turning the tide of the interstate regulation in favor of shippers, and the intermediate points may find the long and short haul a very good thing after all.

### Intended for a Joke.

**TROX, N. Y., June 4.**—The infernal machines received by Police Inspector Byrnes, Captain Williams and the British consul at New York were fuel cartridges manufactured in this city. The cartridges are filled with mineral cotton, and are perfectly harmless. The whole was intended for a joke. They were sent as a joke.

### MARKET REPORTS.

**Kansas City Grain and Produce Market.**  
KANSAS CITY, June 1, 1887.  
Live Stock Indicator reports:  
FLOUR—Very dull. Nothing except in mixed lots.  
Quotations are for established brands in car lots per half barrel in sacks as follows: XX, 95c; XXX, 90c; XXXX, 85c; XXXXX, 80c; XXXXX, 75c; XXXXX, 70c; XXXXX, 65c; XXXXX, 60c; XXXXX, 55c; XXXXX, 50c; XXXXX, 45c; XXXXX, 40c; XXXXX, 35c; XXXXX, 30c; XXXXX, 25c; XXXXX, 20c; XXXXX, 15c; XXXXX, 10c; XXXXX, 5c; XXXXX, 0c.

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## TERRIBLE DEED.

**A Father Murders His Wife and Child and then Kills Himself.**

**PITTSBURG, June 6.**—Frederick Herman, aged 23 years, engaged as helper in an iron mill, this afternoon killed his daughter, aged 19 months, beat his wife until he thought her dead, and then cut his throat, severing the wind pipe and jugular vein. Herman is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and an intelligent, sober man. His wife is a Catholic, but on questions of faith they have managed to agree until recently. The first two children were baptized in the Evangelical Lutheran faith, but Mrs. Herman recently determined that the baby should be baptized into her church. This was done two weeks ago, but the father was ignorant of the fact until to-day, when a friend told him. On returning home from work he spoke to his wife about the matter and telling her that now it was a question of the death of one of them, started to get a knife. The wife jumped from the window and he followed her to a neighbor's house, where he beat her into insensibility with a brick. Returning to his home, he seized a razor and nearly severed the head of the baby from its body, and then cut his own throat. Herman will probably die before morning, and his wife is in a very serious condition. The dying man has written a note saying that his wife deceived him, but that he forgave her.

### Commencement at Lawrence.

**LAWRENCE, KAN., June 6.**—The commencement exercises at the state university have been unusually interesting so far this year. This morning the anniversary of the pharmacy class was held in the university hall. The exercises consisted of the usual papers and orations by members of the graduating class, and an address by Dr. R. J. Brown, of Leavenworth. The pharmacists held their annual banquet at Broesoup's hotel to-night. This department has been established for only two years, but in that time under the efficient management of the dean, Dr. Sayer, it has taken a leading place among the schools of pharmacy in the country. To-night Hon. Noble L. Prentiss, of the Newton Republican, delivered the annual address before the literary societies. His subject, "The House of Bourbon," was treated in a masterly manner. It was one of the most scholarly addresses that has ever been given in the university. The immense hall was filled to overflowing, as it has been every night since the commencement exercises began. The following members of the senior law class were admitted to practice in the district court to-day: James T. Dickerson, John G. Miles, James B. Harris, Dan. A. Crew, George W. Frohlich, William J. Jackson, Isaac F. Brady, B. F. Hutchins, S. W. Moore, F. S. Fentzer, R. W. Blair and John Sullivan.

### Will Commit no More Crimes.

**St. Louis, June 6.**—A special from Clarendon, Ark., says: On Tuesday a negro attempted to outrage Mrs. J. M. Parks, aunt of Sheriff Robinson. In the struggle the lady's collar was broken. The villain was jailed and the excitement had apparently subsided through the efforts of the sheriff and the presence of a determined posse. It was, however, only a calm before the storm, for last night an armed and masked mob of forty men marched to the jail, forced an entrance and secured the object of their wrath. A rope was placed around his neck and while he piteously howled and pleaded for mercy, he was dragged from his cell to a tree in the court yard. He acknowledged his guilt in his pleadings for mercy. A scornful laugh was his death knell. The rope was drawn up and the mob quietly dispersed satisfied that the victim will participate in no more crimes.

### Many Married.

**NEW YORK, June 6.**—A Jonesboro, Ga., special says: A singular search of the marriage record has furnished amusement for the people of Fayette county. In the last few years there were five Hamley boys and the same number of Starnes girls. The Hamley boys began marrying Mr. Starnes' daughters in succession. He protested, but in vain, the last couple eloping and were married here Saturday. Mr. Starnes seeing himself thus outwitted, went to the house of Mrs. Hamley, the mother, and almost by force put her in his buggy and driving off to Fayetteville, married her.

### Three Persons Burned to Death.

**CHICAGO, ILL., June 6.**—A Grand Forks, Dak., special says: During the absence of O. Bokken, a Norwegian farmer, at his neighbor's house, Mrs. Bokken, and her two children, aged 3 and 4 years, were left at home. The mother left the house, and on reaching the front door found the door ajar and the children on fire. Quickly making the youngest child, she made a rush for the door. In doing which she upset the kerosene oil can, setting fire to her clothes. She succeeded in getting out doors, where she lay down with the child in her arms. Both were literally roasted to death. The other child burned to death in the house.

### Wheeler's Funeral.

**MALONE, N. Y., June 6.**—The body of Mr. Wheeler will lie in state in the vestibule of the Co. congregational church on Tuesday from 10:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. All business will be suspended in Malone to-day. A funeral of honor from the Twenty-ninth company will attend the body while at the church. Some two years ago Mr. Wheeler placed a marble casket beside the remains of his wife in his lot in the Malone cemetery. He left with his brother-in-law, Howard E. King, written instructions to have a casket of oak made for the reception of his body, and selected as pallbearers, D. W. Lawrence, H. H. Thompson, H. A. Taylor, W. A. Short, O. G. Gerson and I. R. Kane, all old friends. Governor Hill has sent a telegram of sympathy, and regrets his inability to be present at the funeral.

### An Earthquake.

**QUEBEC, June 6.**—News has been received of an earthquake which recently occurred in the vicinity of St. Louis in the county of L'Islet, Province of Quebec. The mountain in the second range of the Gaspere of St. Roch des Annales were greatly disturbed. Masses of rock from forty to fifty feet square were dislodged and sent hurtling into the valley below. Some of the largest trees in the forest were uprooted. In one instance the rocks falling from the mountains broke through the second range of the Gaspere, for a distance of 300 feet. No serious accidents were reported.

### Smallpox Spreading.

**NEW YORK, June 6.**—A letter from Santiago, Cuba, dated May 27 says: "At this writing 280 cases of smallpox are known by the name of 'la viruela.' It is estimated that fully 100 more are being treated by the charlatans. The deaths in this city from the 1st to the 27th inst., numbered 40, not one of the victims having been vaccinated. The disease appeared at Guantanamo, and doubtless will spread to all Cuban ports."

### Blow Out His Brains.

**HUNTER, DAK., June 6.**—Simon Nelson shot and killed Mr. Shaw, her son aged about 15, and her sister, Miss Lyman, aged about 22, this morning. The tragedy was the result of a contest over a tree claim, which had been decided in favor of Mr. Shaw. Nelson also shot a man named Killey through the body, fatally wounding him. Mr. Lyman was with the party, but escaped by getting behind a team. After the shooting, Nelson returned home and placing the muzzle of his rifle to his head, blew out his own brains. The crime was committed about twelve miles from this place.

### Killed by a Street Car.

**St. Louis, June 6.**—Agnes Richby, 11 years of age, was instantly killed by being run over by a street car in front of her parents' home on Broadway street.

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#### A Holiday Horror.

**St. Louis, June 2.**—A special from Oahu, Mexico, says: A terrible panic broke out here yesterday afternoon in the Catholic cathedral, caused by the falling of a candle and setting fire to one of the altars. The day being a religious holiday the church was crowded to overflowing, principally with women and children. At sight of the smoke the crowd became frantic, and the usual scenes of a terror stricken struggle followed. Several children were killed, and quite a number of women severely injured. The scene at the main entrance of the church was pitiful to behold, women and children were lying about, groaning with pain, while doctors were doing their utmost to resuscitate the sufferers. The official report of the killed is not obtainable at this hour.

#### An Infernal Machine.

**New York, June 2.**—Police Captain Williams received an infernal machine by express to-day, and barely escaped the results of an explosion by dropping it into a bucket of water when the machine, in its efforts to work. Another dynamite machine of intricate construction was given to an unknown man to an expressman in Jersey City to deliver to Inspector Byrnes, but the expressman took it to police headquarters, where it was carefully opened without causing an explosion. It is not known whether both machines came from the same source or not.

#### Yellow Jack.

**Ker Warr, Fla., June 4.**—The total number of cases of yellow fever to date is thirteen, of which number four have resulted fatally. Six are now sick and three convalescent.

#### Rock Island Needs Detached.

**CHICAGO, KAN., June 1.**—Republican county defeated the Rock Island bonds yesterday.